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Dear Jim:

STAT I want to thank you and your entire staff for the outstanding support which contributed so significantly to the success of the recent DD/A managerial conference at the [] I believe it was a particularly rewarding session because we learned a great deal from each other in the informal [] atmosphere, which is impossible to achieve in the Washington environment. John McMahon and the others join me in saying that [] is the ideal place for such a conference. The fact that all of us enjoyed this extremely busy and hard-working session, attests to the efficient and well-planned support which was provided.

STAT I can't thank everyone by name, much as I would like to, but I do want to single out [] who did so much to make us comfortable and "refreshed" at [] [] who served up such excellent meals; Dale [] who saw to it that everything meshed so beautifully; and to [] who was always there to anticipate and satisfy unscheduled needs. Be sure to convey my appreciation to all of the many other members of your team who operated anonymously behind the scenes.

And to you, Jim, please accept my personal thanks for your many courtesies.

Sincerely,

/s/ John F. Blake

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